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Application Number	09/822,300
Filing Date	23 March 2001
First Named Inventor	Muenzel, Georg
Art Unit	2193
Examiner Name	Vu, Tuan A.
Attorney Docket Number	2000P07515US01 (1009-087)

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Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 (13 sheets)

Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17) (1 sheet)

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Effective on 12/09/2004.
Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).**FEE TRANSMITTAL**
For FY 2005☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) **810.00****Complete if Known:**

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	0
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims - 20 or HP = 0 x 50 = 0 **Fee Paid (\$)**

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

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